

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 13, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

On Monday, June 13, 2016, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:55 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Chairman, Jim Hart, and Ron Nye present. Jani Flinn, Relief Clerk, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Shannon Shanholtzer, Ryan Elliott, Pete Novich, Tyler Holland, Doris Fisher, Sue Heald, Bill Sinclair, Abigail Dennis, Kristen Gardner, David Kack, Kitty Clemens, Rebecca Ramsey, James Smith, and Ted Liss.

Dan Allhands, District 1 Commissioner Candidate, was present to observe the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron Nye moved to approve the June 6, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

**MACo Insurance Renewal:** Shannon Shanholtzer, Trust Administrator for MACo Healthcare Trust, and Ryan Elliott, Payne-West Insurance, presented the MACo Property & Casualty Trust renewal information for proposed 2016-2017 rates. Pete Novich, Novich Insurance Agency, was present for this portion of the meeting. Shannon stated that Madison County's renewal rate would be a 7.8% increase from last year's rate due to loss ratio adjustments. The Madison County mod factor will increase from 1.12 to 1.24% for Worker's Compensation. Discussion included cyber liability, the MACo Link to view County information, nursing home claims, training, refuse sites, and attendance at Safety Committee meetings. After discussion and review, Jim Hart moved to accept the recommendation and proposal of MACo Healthcare Trust for renewal rates for the 2016/2017 year. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Mental Health Local Advisory Committee:** Doris Fisher and Sue Heald met with the Board to discuss the following topics:

- **Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017:** The Board reviewed preliminary budget for the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee.
- **Mental Health Local Advisory Committee Amended Bylaws:** Doris reviewed a small change that was made to the Membership section in Article III, to encourage more public representatives and a younger person between the ages of 15 & 24 years to participate on the Committee. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve the Amended Bylaws for the MHLAC, as recommended. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- **Montana Healthcare Foundation Planning Grant Application – Integrated Behavioral Health Initiative:** Doris and Sue reviewed the final grant application to be submitted by the deadline of June 15, 2016, and asked the Board for approval to proceed. After discussion and review, Jim Hart moved to approve submittal of the Integrated Behavioral Health Planning Grant Application from the Montana Healthcare Foundation for a funding request of \$28,398, plus Madison County in-kind funds of \$19,200, as recommended by the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Airports:** This topic will be continued until Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

**Beaverchew Land Swap:** The Board discussed that there are several more meetings scheduled and agreed that they will postpone the topic until a later date.

Abigail Dennis, Madisonian Reporter, joined the meeting at this time.

**Madison Valley/Ruby Valley Search and Rescue Purchase Agreement:** Bill Sinclair, Madison County/Ruby Valley Search and Rescue President, attended this portion of the meeting. After review, Ron Nye moved to accept and approve the Agreement between Madison County and Ruby Valley Search and Rescue Regarding Purchase and Use of the property at 402 S. Main Street, Sheridan, MT, as reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Budget Request:** Kristen Gardner, Gallatin River Task Force, presented a request for funds to the Board for Madison County support on their proposed project to address healthy watersheds and clean and abundant water resources in the Big Sky area. Gallatin County has given their support, Big Sky Resort Tax is waiting on a decision, and they have the support of the Yellowstone Club and many others. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to assist the Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Study by the Gallatin River Task Force, in the amount of \$49,228, subject to available funding at their final budget meeting the end of this month. Kristen will send an invoice. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Commissioners will check on availability of funds.

**Skyline Budget Request:** David Kack, Skyline Transportation, met with the Board to discuss the status of Skyline Bus services. Ridership is up 6%, this winter they had to turn people away, and the demand continues to increase. Affordable housing is still non-existent in Big Sky. They are working with MDT to increase the number of buses with a 20% local match. Statistics show that 83% of workers in Big Sky are commuting from the Bozeman area. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to continue to support Skyline as before with a \$50,000 contribution, and add an additional \$50,000 subject to availability of funding at their final budget meeting the end of this month. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Commissioners will check on availability of funds.

**Big Sky Transportation Plan Budget Request:** Kitty Clemens, Executive Director of Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, met with the Board to update them on efforts to get a comprehensive transportation plan in place for Big Sky. The official request today is for Madison County's support of \$30,000 and they will begin working on a funding agreement between Madison County and Gallatin County. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve a corridor study in cooperation with Gallatin County and Montana Department of Transportation in the amount of \$30,000 subject to available funding. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Commissioners will check on availability of funds.

**Sponsorship for the Annual Welcome to the Neighborhood Party:** Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator, met with the Board to request funding for the annual Welcome to the Neighborhood Party in Twin Bridges. This year's event will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016, at the Jeffers Building, Madison County Fairgrounds. This year's theme will be Honey Festival, and there will be a presentation on honey bees, various opportunities in using honey, and commercial beekeeping in our Valley. Following discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve a donation of \$250 for the Welcome to the Neighborhood Party. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Follow Up on Road Issues:** James Smith and Ted Liss were present for this portion of the meeting. Ellis Thompson was not present. Madison County is currently advertising for County Road Review Committee members. Five applications have been received; the committee will be started with seven members. The status of Jim Alan Road was discussed.

**Compensation Board Recommendation:** A meeting of the Compensation Board was held to determine Madison County Salary adjustments for the 2016/2017 budget year. The Consumer Price Index for this year is .01%. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to concur with the recommendation of the Compensation Board for an increase of 1% for the Clerk and Recorder's salary and a 1% increase in salary to the County Attorney.

**Axolotl Lakes Road Maintenance Agreement:** This item was continued until Thursday, June 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

**Madison Valley Manor Vehicle Purchase:** Darcel Cook, Madison Valley Manor Administrator, requested approval to buy a truck to replace the current garbage truck at the Manor. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve the purchase of a 2007 Chevy Silverado for \$6900. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Madison Valley Manor Renovation Project Closeout Documents:** After discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve Change Order #002 from Lutey Construction in the amount of \$20,037.66. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Presentation for Workers' Comp and Property and Casualty Insurance:** Pete Novich and Tyler Hall with Novich Insurance discussed the possibility of providing Agent services to Madison County. After the presentation, it was agreed to continue the discussion to Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

**Calendars:** The Board reviewed calendars.

With no further business, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016, with Commissioners David Schulz, Chairman, Ron Nye, and Jim Hart present. Jani Flinn, Relief Clerk, was present to take minutes. Those people in attendance at the meeting were Pete Novich, Tyler Holland, Carolyn Henry, and Laurie Buyan.

**Axolotl Lakes Road Maintenance Agreement:** This item was continued until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

**Airports:** A final Airport Layout Plan was submitted to the FAA after completion of construction at the Twin Bridges Airport to document the runway extension and an aeronautical land release. Having received an ALP 7460 No Objection Letter \*\*Final Determination\*\* from the FAA, the final document was presented to the Board of Commissions for review and signature. Ron Nye moved to approve the Twin Bridges Airport Layout Plan as approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Montana Aeronautics Division following completion of the runway extension. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Presentation for Workers' Comp and Property and Casualty Insurance:** Pete Novich and Tyler Holland met with the Board to present additional materials regarding safety, claims management, and resources available. After discussion, Ron Nye moved to make Novich Insurance Agency the new Madison County agent for Property and Casualty Insurance and Workers' Compensation. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Laurie will send notice to MACo and Dave will contact Payne-West Insurance.

**Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Budget Request:** Discussion was continued on this topic to determine availability of funds. After discussion with the Madison County Finance Office, Jim Hart moved to participate in the Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions project with Gallatin River Task Force and authorize a payment of \$49,228 as requested. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Skyline Budget Request:** Discussion was continued on this topic to determine availability of funds. After discussion with the Madison County Finance Office, Jim Hart moved to support Skyline Transportation with a \$50,000 annual contribution and an additional \$30,000 to help cover projected expenses for next year, for a total of \$80,000. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Big Sky Transportation Plan Budget Request:** Discussion was continued on this topic to determine availability of funds. After discussion with the Madison County Finance Office, Jim Hart moved to show support by budgeting \$30,000 to help fund a transportation plan for Big Sky. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

**Next meeting:** The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

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David Schulz, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: June 20, 2016

Minutes prepared by:

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Jani Flinn, Relief Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County